

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Of the claims, Claims 1, 9, 19 and 23 are independent claims. Claims 8 and 15-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-7, 9-14 and 18-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being deemed unpatentable over Bloomberg (U.S. Patent Number 5,765,176) in view of Brundrett et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,249,866). The application, as amended and argued herein, is believed to overcome the rejections.

Without acquiescing to that rejection, Applicant reserves the right to file the rejected claims in a continuation application. Claims have been cancelled and Claims 8 and 15 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 16 and 17 which now depend from independent claim 15 should be allowable.

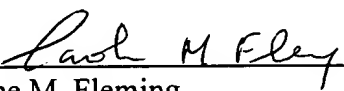
In view of the cancellation of Claims 1-7, 9-14 and 18-25 and amendment of Claims 8 and 15, it is believed that all Claims are in condition of allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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